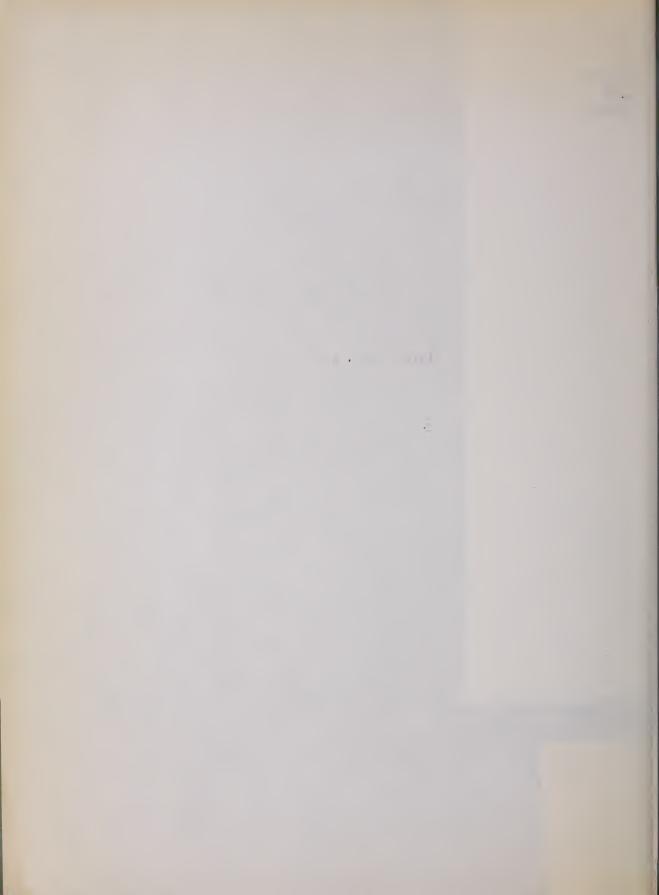
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FEDERAL-STATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS AND IRRIGATION WATER FORECASTS

for

MISSOURI and ARKANSAS DRAINAGE BASINS

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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK -

MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DRAINAGE BASINS

For the Missouri and tributaries the runoff this season will be generally normal. The Yellowstone is now flowing much above normal stage. Montana reservoir storage is satisfactory. Runoff in the North Platte and Laramie in Wyoming will not exceed normal flow. Reservoir storage in these drainages is much in excess of last year and irrigation water supply is assured. The deficiency of precipitation during April throughout the South Platte drainage results in downward revision of the expected runoff. May first snow surveys indicate less than normal water supply from snow throughout the entire basin. The outlook for the Arkansas is now less promising than a month ago. Storage in the mountains and plains reservoirs exceeds 300,000 acre-feet. No material water shortage is expected.

MISSOURI RIVER AND TPIBUTARIES IN MONTANA

Generally, over the watersheds of the Missouri and its several tributaries in southern Montana, snow conditions still indicate that the runoff this season will be somewhat below normal. The reservoir storage is generally satisfactory. Soil moisture conditions are below normal and irrigation has started earlier this year because of the advanced season. The present stream flow throughout the Missouri Drainage appears to be somewhat above normal, resulting from favorable melting temperatures and accumulations from the melt of the snow at lower altitudes.

JEFFERSON: The average water content of the snow on the watershed of the Jefferson is three-fourths of that a year ago and about 10 percent less than the past 11-year average. Since the first of April the outlook for the coming season's runoff in this stream has become less promising. It now appears that the runoff will be about three-fourths of normal.

MADISON: The present outlook for the coming season's runoff in the Madison still continues good. On the watershed of this stream the average water content is 30 percent more than it was a year ago and 10 percent above the past 11-year average.

GAILATIN: For the Gallatin the irrigation water supply outlook this season remains fairly good and it is expected that the runoff will be approximately normal. Water content of the snow is now practically equal to that of

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a year ago at this time and likewise equal to the past 11-year average.

MUSSELSHELL: Because of the continue deficiency of precipitation during April, generally over the central area of Montana snow conditions on the watershed of this stream did not improve. It is estimated that the runoff in the Musselshell will not exceed 75 percent of normal.

MARIAS: Recent snow surveys on the watershed of this stream indicate that the average water content is but 30 percent of that last year and is 30 percent less than the past 11-year average. The subnormal April precipitation and favorable melting temperatures have greatly reduced the snow pack and the expected runoff this season will be somewhat less than normal.

MISSOURI: (Helena-Great Falls): Snow conditions on the Missouri River appear to indicate a much less favorable outlook now than on April 1st. The average water content is but 20 percent of that of last year and about 40 percent of the past 11-year average. The marked dissipation of the water content of the snow cover during April has resulted in a much less favorable outlook for the season's flow of this stream. It is now estimated that the runoff will be 85 percent of normal.

YELLOWSTONE: Snow conditions on the headwaters of the Yellowstone still continue to be favorable for adequate runoff this season. At this time the average water content of the snow on the watershed is only 10 percent less than that a year ago and is 10 percent more than the 11-year average. The runoff in the Yellowstone this season is expected to be slightly more than normal.

MILK RIVER: It is not expected that the runoff in this stream this season will exceed about three-fourths normal.

SHOSHONE RIVER: During the past month the snow cover on the headwaters of the Shoshone was lessened to the point where there is now about 60 percent of that last year and likewise 60 percent of the 11-year average. It is expected that the runoff will be sufficient to fill the Shoshone Reservoir to capacity and because of this there will be no water shortage this season throughout the area irrigated from this stream. There is now in storage 388,000 erre-feet as compared with 258,000 a year ago. The capacity is 457,000 acre-feet. Agricultural conditions over the Shoshone Project area appear to be fairly satisfactory and are some three or four weeks earlier than last year at this time.

BIGHORN PIVER: The present outlook for the coming season's runoff in the Bighorn is much less promising now than it was a month ago. During April a loss was suffered in water content of the snow cover on this drainage and is now only one-fourth of that of a year ago and only one-third of the ll-year average. It therefore appears that the runoff may not exceed three-fourths of the normal flow. In the Riverton area soil moisture conditions are poor to fair. Grass on the range is slow in starting because of lack of moisture. Favorable weather has increased the stream flow to above normal stage. The combined storage in Bull Lake and Pilot Butte reservoirs is about 75,000 acre-feet as compared with 71,000 a year ago at this time. At Brooks' Lake, headwaters of this stream, the water content is 13.4 inches

where last May 1st it was 17.9 inches. Above normal temperatures have melted the snow, especially at elelvations below 8,000 feet, and have resulted in peak flows which may be the maximum for the year. Farming operations on the upper Bighorn are well advanced at this time.

TONGUE RIVER: Much of the snow cover on the Tongue has been dissipated during the month of April due to above normal temperatures. Stream flow is normal and soil moisture generally fair. At this time there is no snow below 8,000 feet elevation. However, after May 1st there was a general storm over the watershed of this stream which no doubt has improved the general outlook. The prospect for favorable runoff this season is fairly good at this time and it is not expected that there will be a water shortage this season.

POWDER RIVER: Outlook for runoff in this stream this season is rather discouraging. Much of the snow cover on the watershed has melted during the past month and it is probable that the peak flow has occurred. The runoff will be much below normal and unless there are favorable rains a water shortage can be expected after mid-summer.

CHEYENNE RIVEP: The general outlook for the coming season's irrigation water supply for the Cheyenne River area is fairly promising. On the Belle Fourche Project, soil moisture conditions are excellent. There has been above normal precipitation during April and range conditions are exceptionally good. The season is well advanced in this area and agricultural operations are well under way. There is now in storage in the Belle Fourche Reservoir 152,000 acre-feet of water as compared with 146,000 last year at this time. It is not expected that there will be a water shortage this season for the areas irrigated from this stream.

MORTH PLATTE RIVER: For the North Platte drainage the prospects are that this season's runoff will be below normal, but because of the storage in reservoirs all irrigated lands in eastern Wyoming and along the valley in Nebraska will have an ample water supply. For the principal reservoirs on the North Platte in Wyoming the total storage is 1,163,000 acre feet, as compared with 594,000 a year ago. Combined storage of the Kingsley and Sutherland reservoirs in Nebraska is 1,280,000 acre-feet as compared with 982,000 last year. On the Pathfinder Irrigation District reservoir storage is now 57,000 acre-feet as compared with 49,000 a year ago. The soil moisture conditions throughout the valley are only fair. However, recent storms have improved this condition. Stream flow is generally normal. Subsequent to the snow surveys on the headwaters of this stream in North Park there was a snowfall of 20 to 30 inches in the mountain area of the Park. This storm resulted in .35 inch of precipitation at Walden.

SWEETWATER RIVER: The water content of the snow on the watershed of this stream is much below normal and runoff this season probably will not exceed three-fourths of the normal flow.

LARAMIE RIVER: Storms over the headwaters of the Laramie River drainage have somewhat improved the general outlock for the coming season's runoff. As based on recent snow surveys on the watershed of this stream the prospects appear to be fair but the runoff may not exceed 75 percent of normal. During April favorable melting temperatures prevailed, which resulted in river flow of about 50 percent above the past 25-year average. It is likely that the peak flow of this stream has occurred. Ample water will be available for

irrigation during the early summer months but a shortage may be expected during August and September. The water content of the snow at Brooklyn Lake is 14.7 inches and is only 50 percent of that a year ago at this time. There is little or no snow below elevations of 8,500 feet.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN

CACHE LA POUDRE RIVER: The present indication of the runoff in the Poudre is somewhat less promising than it was a month ago. Snow conditions on the headwaters of this stream remain favorable but, because of the deficiency in the snow cover at lower elevations, the runoff will no doubt be less than normal. Recent snow surveys indicate that the water content is approximately 75 percent of that of a year ago and about 15 percent less than the 11-year average. The peak flow will be early this season and will probably occur about May 20th. Because of the substantial reservoir storage in the mountain and plains reservoirs of the Poudre drainage there will be no serious water shortage this season. A small amount of additional storage may be expected during the period of maximum runoff. Soil moisture conditions are generally poor but recent storms have somewhat improved this situation.

BIG THOMPSON: The runoff in the Big Thompson this season will be below normal. However, no serious water shortage is anticipated. The snow cover on the headwaters of this stream is about 60 percent of the past 11-year average and reservoir storage in the Loveland area is fairly good at this time. Some additional storage may be expected during the peak flow which will occur earlier than usual this year. The runoff during late summer will be much below normal.

ST. VRAIN: The runoff in this stream this season probably will not exceed 50 percent of normal. Recent storms have improved somewhat the water supply conditions. However, throughout the irrigated area of this valley soil moisture is deficient and stream flow below normal for this season of the year. It is probable that little, if any additional storage, will be realized during the peak flow which will occur prior to June 1st.

BOULDER CREEK: The water content of the snow cover on the headwaters of the Boulder is now about three-quarters normal and 60 percent of that a year ago. Reservoir storage throughout the valley is favorable, with an expected small amount of additional accumulation during the peak runoff, No serious water shortage is expected in the Boulder valley during the early season but stream flow during the late summer and fall will be low.

CLEAR CREEK: Runoff prospects for Clear Creek are somewhat less promising than they were a month ago. Reservoir storage is favorable with a possibility of some addition in this supplemental supply during the peak flow of the stream. Soil moisture throughout the valley is fair. Present stream flow is below normal. The agricultural conditions in the irrigated sections are generally good.

SOUTH PLATTE ABOVE DENVER: Snow cover on the headwaters of the South Platte River above Denver has been dissipated during the month of April to the point where the average water content is about one-third of that a year ago and about one-half the past 11-year average. This decrease in water content of the snow cover makes conditions less favorable for the runoff this coming season. There will be sufficient water for the hay meadows in South Park and ample runoff to supply the needs of the City of Denver. Reservoir storage in the mountain and plains reservoirs now totals 192,000 acre-feet as compared with 177,000 a year ago.

For the lower South Platte valley, from Denver east of the state line, reservoir storage is equal to that of a year ago at this time and this storage, combined with return flow and runoff from the upper drainage, will be ample for this season's irrigation needs. Soil moisture throughout the irrigated area is generally good and because of the advanced season crop outlook is quite favorable. From the standpoint of the South Platte drainage, as a whole, tributary irrigated areas have been seriously handicapped because of deficient soil moisture, and are generally much retarded. For the most part there will be ample water for irrigation during the early summer but shortages may be expected after July. The outlook is much strengthened because of the present amount of water in storage to supplement the expected decreased stream flow later in the season. It is not unlikely that some water will pass down the Platte River into Nebraska during late May and early June.

ARKANSAS RIVER

ARKANSAS RIVER: Because of the persistent drouth conditions over the head-waters of the Arkansas the outlook for the coming season's runoff is somewhat discouraging. Recent snow surveys show the average water content on the head-waters is only one-quarter of that of a year ago at this time and one-third of the past 11-year average. Storage in the principal reservoirs of the mountain and plains areas, however, now totals about 302,000 acre-feet as compared with 299,000 last year. There will be a substantial amount of water brought from the Colorado drainage through the tunnel and stored in the Twin Lakes at the headwaters of the Arkansas. It is probable that Twin Lakes will reach capacity early in July.

On the headwaters of the Purgatoire, in the Trinidad area, the outlook is not as promising as it was a month ago. Stream flow now is much below normal with the snow cover receding rapidly at higher elevations. Soil moisture is fair. Storage in the Model reservoir is 3600 acre-feet as compared with 5,000 a year ago.

For the Fountain River watershed the snow conditions are disappointing at this time and much below normal runoff is to be expected this season from snow-melt. Reservoir storage along the Fountain is about the same as a year ago and soil moisture is fair. Precipitation during the month of April was slightly below normal.

GROUND WATER

Water table observations were greatly interfered with by early season pumping. The month of April was one of unusual moisture deficiency, especially in the South Platte drainage, and many wells were in operation to provide supplemental irrigation.

In the Arkansas Valley, the water table beneath the mesa south of the river, between Pueblo and Avondale, is from 1 to 2 feet lower than a year ago. Between Avondale and Rocky Ford there has been little or no change in the pumped areas.

Along the South Platte, from Denver to Sterling, the water table ranges from 1 foot higher to 1 foot lower than a year ago, being generally higher below La Salle. Lowerings of 3 to 4 feet have occurred on Box Elder Creek near Wellington. The Prospect Valley water table is about 2 feet lower than a year ago, largely because of early-season pumping. The Bijou Creek water table is slightly lower and Beaver Creek slightly higher than a year ago. Elsewhere there have been no significant changes.

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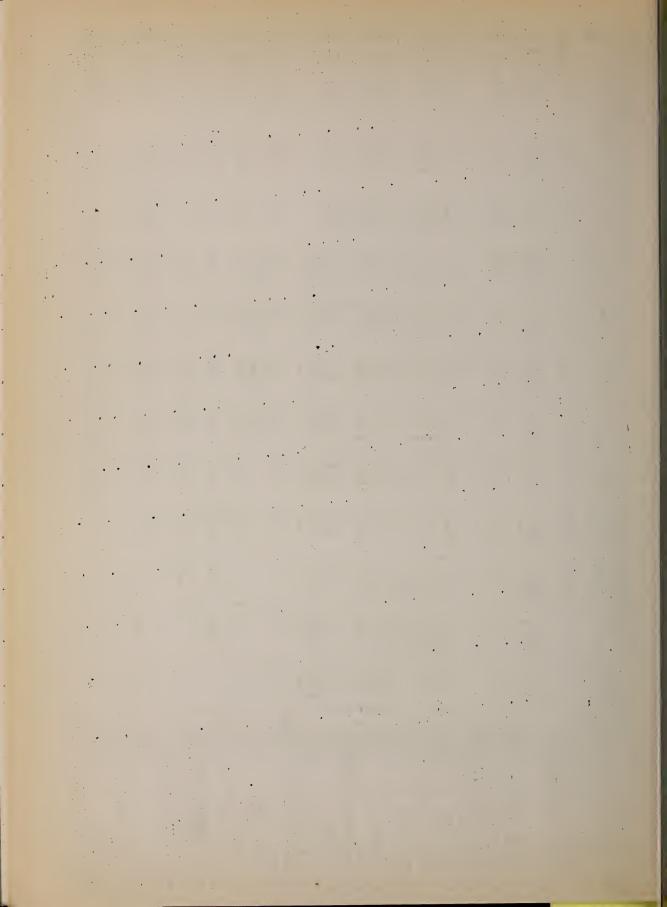
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*Some averages for shortor periods **Maximum storage in North Flatte reservoirs in Wyoming will reach 1,250,000 acre-feet.

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